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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO JAKARTA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK OF AUSTRALIA SPENT JANUARY 19 AND 20 IN JAKARTA ENROUTE HOME FROM RAZAK FUNERAL. IN TALK WITH AUSTRALIAN DCM JANUARY 21, CHARGE' OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. IN HIS CALLS ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO, FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK AND DEFENSE MINISTER PANGGABEAN, VARIETY OF TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED INCLUDING TIMOR. NOTHING NEW OF SUBSTANCE CAME FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS, EXCEPT ONE ITEM FROM TALK WITH MALIK ON TIMOR. VISIT CONSIDERED USEFUL, HOWEVER, AND LAID BASIS FOR SECOND PEACOCK VISIT NOW PLANNED FOR MARCH.

3. IN MALIK MEETING PEACOCK ASKED SPECIFICALLY HOW LONG GOI EXPECTED TIMOR SITUATION TO LAST. IN REPLY, MALIK DECLARED THAT BACK OF FRETILIN BROKEN AND THAT ENTIRE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS (I.E., ABSORPTION OF EAST TIMOR INTO INDONESIA) WOULD BE COMPLETED IN SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS.

4. ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN DCM, PEACOCK HAD WISHED MEET WITH CHARGE' DURING VISIT BUT UNABLE DUE TO SHORTNESS OF TIME. HOWEVER, HE HAD SPECIFICALLY CHARGED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY TO ENQUIRE REGARDING REPORT HE, PEACOCK, HAD

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HEARD THAT USG HAS SUSPENDED MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO

INDONESIA. CHARGE' INFORMED AUSTRALIAN DCM THAT US MILITARY ASSISTANCE HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN SUSPENDED, ALTHOUGH QUESTION OF CONTINUED US MILITARY ASSISTANCE UNDER MAP TERMS MIGHT BE QUESTIONED SOMETIME.

5. OF INTEREST IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM WERE REMARKS CONCERNING AUSTRALIAN POLICY AND PERSONALITIES AND CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN VIEWS OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY JAKARTA AND THOSE OF CANBERRA. FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT FIGHTING IN TIMOR SHOULD BE TERMINATED IN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE, CANBERRA ESTIMATES THAT GUERRILLA WARFARE COULD GO ON FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME.

6. DEPENDING ON RESULTS OF GUICCIARDI REPORT, GOA AT HIGHEST LEVELS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING IN A UN PRESENCE IN TIMOR TOGETHER WITH OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES, IF THAT SHOULD BE CALLED FOR IN UN RECOMMENDATIONS. OF COURSE, GOI COULD BE EXPECTED TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT SUCH A PRESENCE, ACCORDING AUSTRALIAN DCM. LATTER CONCEDED THAT HIS EMBASSY OPPOSED SUCH STEP BY GOA BUT UNDERSTOOD THAT IT IS BASED PARTLY ON WHAT IS AN UNEXPECTEDLY HARD STAND ON MORAL GROUNDS BY PM FRASER WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ISSUES. REFERRING TO RECENT FLAP OVER LEAK OF AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR'S TELEGRAM, DCM STATED THAT FRASER APPEARED TO HAVE A FAIRLY WILSONIAN APPROACH TO MATTERS SUCH AS TIMOR AND TO BELIEVE STRONGLY IN LEGAL AND OTHER RIGHTS OF PEOPLES.

7. IN CONCLUSION, AUSTRALIAN DCM EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HIS EMBASSY AND GOA COULD BE KEPT INFORMED REGARDING ANY CHANGES IN US POLICY REGARDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR INDONESIA, SINCE THIS WOULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR GOA POLICIES.

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